JSY in Tamil Nadu

499. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) having special focus on Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Schedule Castes (SC) and Schedule Tribes (ST) pregnant women to promote institutional delivery for them is under implementation in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of BPL, SC and ST women benefited under JSY in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) how many JSY has helped in reducing maternal deaths in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) The State of Tamil Nadu, being a High Performing State (HPS) provides incentives to SC, ST and BPL groups under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY). The total number of beneficiaries under JSY in the State of Tamil Nadu during last four years are as under:-

(Figures in lakhs)

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (up to 31st August 09)
2.88	2.30	3.87	0.93

Separate data on JSY beneficiaries in the categories of SC, ST and BPL is not maintained.

(c) Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY is a safe motherhood intervention under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under which cash incentive is provided to the poor pregnant women for institutional delivery. Under this scheme, ASHA/link worker facilitates pregnant women to avail services of maternal care and arranges referral transport.

JSY through its incentives facilitates early registration of pregnancy, Micro-Birth Planning, provision of Quality ANC which includes minimum of 4 ANCs, 2 doses of T.T. Immunization and consumption of IFA tablets for 100 days and institutional delivery. Moreover, the women coming in the institutional fold have an opportunity to receive post-natal care within first 48 hours of delivery. All these factors contribute towards reduction of maternal deaths.

Ratio between doctors and nurses

†500. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ratio among doctors, nurses and population has been defined by Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether this ratio is being implemented in rural areas;

(c) the details of vacant posts of doctors and nurses in the country at present;

(d) whether any certain date has been fixed to fill these vacant posts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No. However, in order to provide Quality Health Care services to the community, Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) have been prescribed for implementation in the Country in which requirement of doctors, nurses and other staff has been defined for the health facility.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per available records, there are 4068 and 4708 vacancies of doctors at Community Health Centers and Primary Health Centers respectively and 8781 vacancies of Nurses in the country.

(d) and (e) No date has been fixed to fill the vacant posts.

Treatment and settlement of leprosy patient

501. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that leprosy related cases are rising in the country while Government statistics show that they are on the decline;

(b) if so, whether Government has done a fresh survey of leprosy affected people in the country;

(c) what is State-wise break up and how many fresh cases have come to light in the rural and urban areas separately; and

(d) what has been response of Government for the settlement and treatment of leprosy patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Leprosy related cases are not rising in the country, on the contrary, the reported cases are declining over the years. The number of new leprosy cases detected during last five year are given below:

2004-2005	-	260036
2005-2006	-	161457
2006-2007	-	139252
2007-2008	-	137685
2008-2009	-	134184

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Under National Leprosy Eradication Programme, following actions are being taken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for treatment of leprosy patients and facilitating settlement of leprosy affected persons:-